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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged near normal in Nebraska last week. Dry weather prevailed and high winds occurred on several days.

CROPS Fall harvest progressed well in Nebraska last week. Although muddy fields slowed operations in the eastern part of the State early in the week, drying weather enabled farmers across the State to be in the fields for an average of nearly six days.

Corn harvest gained some momentum but still lags behind normal. About 20 percent of the crop has been harvested compared to a normal of 30 percent. Moisture content of the harvested grain is averaging slightly over 20 percent. High winds and stalk rot continue to cause lodging and in some areas the damage is considerable. Dropping of ears is becoming a problem in some fields.

The percentage of grain sorghum harvested rose sharply to nearly 40 percent completed. While operations are still behind the normal of 65 percent completed, combining could progress rapidly as the grain and fields have dried to more favorable levels. Lodging has also occurred in some milo fields. Soybean harvest is moving at a normal rate with slightly over 80 percent of the crop combined. Moisture content of the harvested beans remained at 13 percent.

Wheat generally has a good appearance in Nebraska and will be going into dormancy with good root development. Soil moisture supplies in wheat fields appear to be adequate except in parts of the southwest and in the southern Panhandle where moisture supplies are considered short.

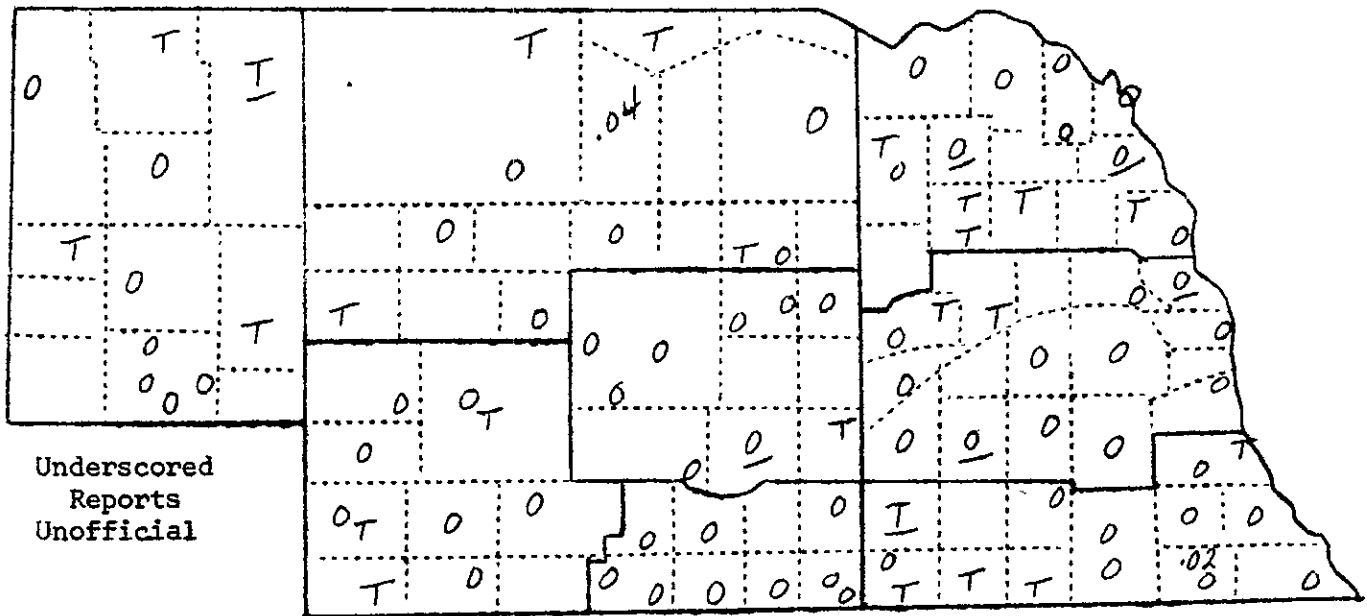
Sugar beet harvest is three-fourths completed after a very busy week. Potato harvest has reached the final stages with most fields yielding well.

LIVESTOCK The volume of the stocker and feeder cattle movement is seasonally high. Some cattle are being moved into stalk fields for gleaning as harvesting operations are completed. Cattlemen in the range area would appreciate some precipitation to settle the dust in holding pens and pastures.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 27, 1968

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	T	Burwell	T	Chadron	T
Lincoln	T	North Platte	T	Imperial	T
Norfolk	T	Valentine	T	Scottsbluff	T
Omaha	.01			Sidney	0
Sioux City	.02				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 25, 1968



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		October 21st		22nd		23rd		24th		25th		26th		27th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	58	23	62	43	56	20	65	34	75	37	67	33	50	22
	Scottsbluff	54	24	61	42	54	27	68	35	71	31	72	28	54	26
	Sidney	58	23	64	37	55	21	65	34	73	32	73	28	53	24
NC	Burwell	65	36	62	36	56	34	58	34	68	35	75	39	49	26
	Valentine	59	27	61	32	51	25	65	35	69	35	72	37	47	25
NE	Norfolk	68	41	58	43	55	31	49	31	62	35	71	44	46	31
	Sioux City	69	43	60	39	56	31	46	31	61	34	74	45	48	31
CEN	Grand Island	69	37	61	43	60	30	52	38	69	39	73	40	52	30
EC	Lincoln	71	44	61	51	62	39	51	41	64	39	75	43	50	33
	Omaha	69	42	59	45	59	32	46	33	60	37	72	41	47	31
SW	Imperial	65	29	69	40	58	24	65	38	74	30	79	30	55	24
	North Platte	69	27	64	36	60	24	60	32	69	30	79	38	52	22

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